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Title of Invention: **PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING A MICROMACHINED OSCILLATING ELEMENT, IN PARTICULAR A MIRROR FOR OPTICAL SWITCHES**

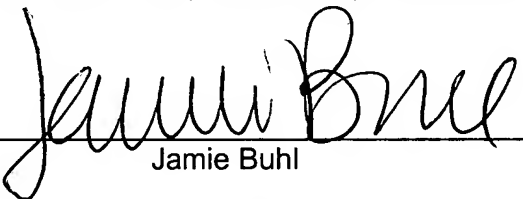
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

May 9, 2005

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In a Supplemental Notice of Allowability in this case mailed April 27, 2005, the Examiner correctly indicates the numbers of all allowed claims. In the prior Notice of Allowability, claims 30-34 were erroneously indicated as allowable instead of claims 35-39.

Regarding the Examiner's reasons for allowance, the Examiner indicates at least some of the independent claims are allowable because the prior art does not teach or suggest a particular element or elements recited in each of the claims. The

undersigned would like to note that each claim includes a combination of elements and it is the recited combination, which includes the elements cited by the Examiner, that is not disclosed nor suggested by the prior art. Moreover, the undersigned respectfully submits that the claims may be allowable for other reasons than those set forth by the Examiner.

While the combinations of elements recited in the allowed claims are allowable, the undersigned would like to point out that some or all of these individual elements may be broadened such that the resulting combination is still patentable. Applicants may elect to pursue such claims, or to pursue claims directed to other aspects of the present invention, through a continuation or reissue application, or through a reexamination proceeding.

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If the Examiner believes that a phone interview would be helpful, he is respectfully requested to contact the Applicant's attorney, Paul F. Rusyn, at (425) 455-5575.

DATED this 5th day of May, 2005.

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